

EXPLANATION: IN THE CASE OF MAHMOUD V. TAYLOR, 606 U.S. ____ (2025) THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT HELD THAT THE FIRST AMENDMENTS REQUIRES A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE PARENTS/GUARDIANS WITH NOTICE OF MATERIALS TO BE TAUGHT AND THE RIGHT TO OPT OUT BASED ON SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.
COST: NONE ANTICIPATED

STUDENTS

08.231 AP.21

Religious Beliefs Excusal Process

This parent or guardian complaint must be submitted in writing to the ATC Principal of the school where the student is enrolled alleging that specific curricular material is in conflict with the parent's or guardian's sincerely held religious beliefs.

COMPLAINANT (PARENT OR GUARDIAN)

Complainant Name _____ Date _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____

Student Name(s) _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____

School _____ Grade Level _____

COMPLAINT(S)

Provide a reasonably detailed description of the specific material to which the parent or guardian objects, sufficient to allow the ATC Principal to locate and evaluate the materials. (Use additional sheet if necessary.)

STATEMENT

Provide a statement that the parent or guardian sincerely believe the identified materials conflicts with their religious beliefs.

Complainant's Signature _____ Date _____

LEVEL ONE: SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NAME:

The ATC Principal/designee shall work with the home district Principal/designee to review the identified material to confirm whether it demonstrably contains the content described in the complaint above before acting on the request. If the ATC Principal/home district Principal determines that the identified material does not demonstrably contain the content described by the parent or guardian, the request may be denied.

Religious Beliefs Excusal Process**ATC PRINCIPAL'S DETERMINATION (USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY.)**

ATC Principal's Signature

Date

A parent or guardian not having filed the appeal may request in writing access to the appealed materials, programs, or events for review and shall abide by the school's and District's policies and procedures when requesting and reviewing such information.

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LEVEL TWO: APPEAL OF THE PRINCIPAL'S DETERMINATION TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

If ~~the Principal denies~~ a request is ~~denied~~, the parent or guardian may appeal in writing to the Superintendent of the student's home district within ten (10) calendar days of the ATC Principal's decision. The Superintendent shall render a written decision within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the appeal, affirming or overruling the ~~Principal's~~ decision.

Complainant Name:Date appeal submitted at this level to the Superintendent:

Complainant's Signature

Date**SUPERINTENDENT'S DETERMINATION (USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY.)**

Superintendent's Signature

Date

Religious Beliefs Excusal Process**LEVEL THREE: APPEAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DETERMINATION TO THE LOCAL BOARD**
(USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY.)

If the Superintendent denies the appeal, the parent or guardian may appeal in writing to the local Board within ten (10) calendar days of the Superintendent's decision. The local Board shall render a written decision within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the appeal, affirming or overruling the Superintendent's decision.

Complainant Name: _____

Date appeal submitted at this level to the local Board:

Complainant's Signature

Date

LOCAL BOARD'S FINAL DISPOSITION (USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY.)

Local Board Chair's Signature

Date

EXPLANATION: HB 67 AMENDS KRS 160.145 RELATING TO UNAUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC
COMMUNICATION IN SCHOOLS.
COST: NONE ANTICIPATED

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

08.2324 AP.1

Traceable Communications

A parent¹ may submit written consent to authorize a designated ATC ~~District~~ employee or qualified school volunteer who is not a family member to participate in private electronic communication with his or her child outside of the traceable communication system.

The written consent:

- a. Shall be filed in the administrative office of the student's school;
- b. Shall be submitted to the administrative office of the school prior to any private electronic communication being sent from an ATC-~~District~~ employee or qualified school volunteer to a student outside of the traceable communication system;
- c. Shall designate each specific ~~District~~ATC employee or qualified school volunteer that may participate in private electronic communication with the student outside of the traceable communication system and shall not be transferable to any other ~~District~~ATC employee or qualified school volunteer;
- d. May be revoked by the parent who filed the consent at any time. Upon notice of a revocation, the school's administrative office shall promptly notify the employee or qualified school volunteer subject to the revocation.
- e. May establish terms limiting electronic communication with a student including establishing an expiration for the term of the consent. Any electronic communication with the student enrolled in the school district outside of the traceable communication system shall comply with all terms of the written consent.
- f. Shall not be rejected or denied by the school or ~~District~~Department unless the written consent fails to properly identify the applicable student, ~~District~~ATC employee, or qualified school volunteer. Upon receipt of the written consent, the administrative office shall deliver a copy of the written consent to the ~~District~~Department and the designated ~~District~~ATC employee or qualified school volunteer.
- g. Shall not be compelled as a requirement for a student to participate in an academic, athletic, or extracurricular opportunity; and
- a.h. Shall not authorize an ATC-~~District~~ employee or qualified school volunteer to engage in inappropriate or sexual electronic communication with a student or be used as a basis of a defense for an ATC-~~District~~ employee or qualified school volunteer that engages in inappropriate or sexual communication with a student or students.

¹ "Parent" means a parent, legal guardian, or other person or agency responsible for the student.

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CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

08.2324 AP.2

Consent for Outside Traceable Communications

~~A parent¹ may authorize a designated District employee or volunteer, who is not a family member, to communicate electronically with his or her child outside of the traceable communication system.~~

~~A completed form for each designated District employee or volunteer shall be filed in the administrative office of the student's school prior to any outside electronic communication being sent and may be revoked by a parent at any time.~~

I hereby consent to authorize the following ~~District~~ ATC employee or qualified school volunteer who is not a family member to participate in private electronic communication with my child outside of the traceable communication system.

Name of Student: _____

~~I hereby consent to authorize the following to communicate with my child outside of the traceable communication system.~~

Name of ~~e~~Employees/Qualified School ~~v~~Volunteers: _____

If applicable, terms limiting electronic communication including expiration date:

Reason(s) for the communication: _____

~~Is Parent to be included on all communications?~~ ~~☐ Yes~~ ~~☐ No~~

Expiration Date for this form's consent: _____

My consent does not authorize ~~a District~~ an ATC employee or qualified school volunteer to engage in inappropriate or sexual electronic communication with my ~~child~~ student or be used as a basis of a defense for ~~a District~~ an ATC employee or qualified school volunteer that engages in inappropriate or sexual electronic communication with my child.

Signature of Parent /Guardian

Date

Any electronic communication with ~~the~~ student enrolled in the ~~District~~ ATC outside of the traceable communication system shall comply with all terms of this written consent.

Signature of Employee or Volunteer

Date

Consent for Outside Traceable Communications

The ~~District-Department~~ nor the school shall not reject or deny the written consent unless it fails to properly identify the applicable student, ~~District-ATC~~ employee, or qualified school volunteer.

Upon receipt of this consent, the administrative office shall deliver a copy of this consent to the ~~District-Department~~ and the designated school employee or qualified school volunteer.

For administrative office use only:

Received by _____

Date _____

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